

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone

Commissioner Rowe was absent and left written votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Stovall was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(190) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2002.4.39; On March 28, 2002, Qwest filed tariff transmittal. 02-07 proposing a new package service for residence customers called Popular Choice. Residential customers subscribing to the Popular Choice package are entitled to select any number of the following services/features and are entitled to unlimited use of those services/features: Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Forwarding, Call rejection, Call Waiting or Call Waiting ID, Caller ID-Name & Number, Continuous Redial, Easy Access (*98), Last Call Return, Long Distance Alert, Message Waiting Indication – Audible, or Message Waiting Indication-Audible/Visual, Non-listed Service Listing, Security Screen, Talking Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling U S WEST Receptionist-Name & Number, and Voice Messaging Service. The package also includes an individual flat-rate residence line (1FR) or an additional flat-rate residence line. The package will sell for \$34.95 per month including the features and the line. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(191) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2002.4.40; On March 28, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-08, requesting a promotion for residential customers called Residence Product Save Offer Promotion. Residence customers who request to have one or more products disconnected, and after being informed of the product's benefits, may be offered a one time product discount in the form of a credit(s) to their bill. The products included are; Custom Choice, Additional Lines with one or more product features, Caller ID and Call Waiting. The requirement of an earlier promotion which required the customer to retain the product for six months to get the credit has been removed. Discounts range from \$5.00 to \$45.00. Qwest is requesting that this promotion run from April 29, 2002 through July 27, 2002. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(192) In the matter of TN2139; Kenneth A. Vander Ven dba Lewistown Transfer & Storage, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1122 to Jason J. Larson dba Lewistown Transfer, Lewistown, Montana for a twelve (12) month period April 23, 2002 to April 23, 2003.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

SUB A Class C - Property in the City of Lewistown, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB B Class C - Property within the City of Lewistown, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of property between points served by rail carriers is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the continuation of the lease. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(193) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 15, 2002. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson, Leroy Beeby, Robin McHugh

(194) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Firelight Meadows Application to Establish Initial Rates for Water and Wastewater, Dockets No. D2001.12.174 and D2001.12.175; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the two-year interim rates with the qualifier that customer be informed of the interim rate status. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Rowe's proxy aye.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, David Burchett, Robin McHugh

(195) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's Competitive Response "WinBack" Tariff, Docket No. N2002.4.44; Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which was withdrawn. Commissioner Anderson moved to issue notice to Qwest that the tariff filed under the order expired April 23, 2002, not as indicated in their tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Rowe did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Marla Larson

(196) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative's Application for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement with WWC Holding, Inc., Docket No. D2002.1.3; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the pro hac vice applications for Sylvia Lesse and Jonathan Canis. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Rowe did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(197) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation's plan for a local carrier freeze program, Docket No. D2002.2.14 and D2002.2.22; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve staff recommendations on both dockets, imposing an 18-month moratorium on carrier freezes and finding that Qwest's proposed program complies with the Commission's rules. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Rowe did not leave a vote on this issue. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Stovall were absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(198) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of filing reply comments with the Federal Communications Commission regarding the 10th Circuit Remand; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve filing the comments. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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